(x) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students;

(xi) Scheme for Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST students;

(xii) Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys;

(xiii) Establishment of Ashram Schools;

(xiv) Research Information, Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and others.

Development Authority for Tribals

2861. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts had recommended development authority for tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(c) the present status of JTDA?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) A Sub-Group of Experts was set up by the Planning Commission in February, 2006 under the joint chairmanship of Dr. (Ms.) Syeda hameed and Shri Jairam Ramesh to look at issues pertaining to the Jarawa Tribe in the Andaman Islands with a view of preserving their life and lifestyle, identity and culture. The report of the Sub-Group, *inter-alia,* recommended establishment of a Jarawa Tribal Development Authority (JTDA), which would examine all aspects of the Jarawa situation, suggest policies and ensure their implementation. The JTDA would monitor and suggest the areas and extent of contact to ensure the protection of Jarawas.

(c) The JTDA has not been constituted.

Interpretation of Calling 'Adivasi'

†2862. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any efforts to put an end to the use of deliberate

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.